Language of new channels on Doordarshan

2664. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan propose to launch some new channels on 15th August, 1993;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether launching of these new channels will encourage some programmes of entertainment and teachings of social order;

(d) if so, details thereof and if *not, reasons therefor; and*

(e) what is the background for launching new channels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The channels are:—

(i) Entertainment

(ii) Business News and Current Affairs

(iii) Sports

(iv) Music

(v) Enrichment.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The programmes on these channels will inform, educate and entertain the viewers.

(e) These channels were visualised in order to increase the variety of programming available to the viewers and provide more outlets to the creative talent available in the country.

Import of Newsprint

2665. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of newspapers which were registered with DAVP till 31.5.93 for newspaper advertisements; and

(b) the number of such newspapers in terms of their languages, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) There were 3805 newspapers/periodicals registered with DAVP as on 31.5.1993. Their language-wise details are given in the Statement.

Statement

No. of newspapers languagewise in the D.A.V.P. panel as on **31-05-1993**

S.No.	Language	No. of Papers
1	2	3
1.	English	227
2.	Hindi	2417
3.	Urdu	310
4.	Punjabi	148
5.	Marathi	85
6.	Gujarati	91
7.	Sindhi	14
8.	Assamese	29
9.	Bengali	221
10.	Oriya	42

1	2	3
11.	Tamil	55
12.	Telugu	58
13.	Malayalam	51
14.	Kannada	40
15.	Sanskrit	6
16.	Nepali	4
17.	Mizo	2
18.	Khasi	2
19.	Konkani	2
	TOTAL	3805

Setting up of AIR Kendra in various areas of Himachal Pradesh

2666. SHRI SUSHIL BARONGPA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTNIG be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3308 given in the Rajya Sabha on 11 August, 1993 and state:

(a) whether he said in his reply that the proposed Akashwani Kendras in Keeping Kalpa and Kullu would be set up in the beginning of the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, what are the reasons that even often after a lapse of four years no work has so far been started in the above mentioned Kendras; and

(c) whether funds were allocated for each year after the year 1989 for the said Akashwani Kendras if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Civil works at Kalpa and Kullu in Himachal Pradesh have since commenced. These Stations are expected to be techincally ready during 1993-94. Due to inaccessibility of Keylong region during most part of the year and due to operational difficulties because of harsh weather conditions, the setting up of radio station at Keylong is under review.

(c) Yes, Sir. The funds have been allocated in every financial year since 1989. The details are as under:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Kapla	10.1	10.25	41.85	65.90	59.45
Kullu	31.1	41.05	0.85	3.50	37.00
Keylong	10.1	5.50	8.40	5.90	2.45